

IV. Claims 72-77

Election is hereby made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I - claims 44-49. The reason for the traverse is that the Group IV claims have been amended to recite a "substrate" rather than a "semiconducting substrate". Both groups of claims therefore include the same elements. Although Group I recites plural contacts and Group IV recites a single contact, it is submitted that this is not a patentable distinction.

With regard to the election of species, Applicant elects the species shown in Figure 6, wherein the raised portion is formed with a pointed cross section. The claims in Group I readable on this species are 44, 46, 47, 48 and 49. The claims in Group IV readable on this species are 72 and 74-76.

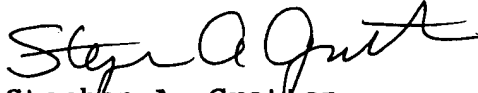
In view of the above amendments and arguments, it is submitted that claims 44-49 and 72-77 are now in a condition for allowance. Should any other issues remain, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned Attorney by telephone.

In addition, an interview at the Patent Office between the undersigned and Examiner Karlsen has been tentatively scheduled for October 27 or 28. As instructed by Examiner Karlsen, this will be confirmed the week of October 17.

An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §1.97(c) is being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

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